

Lewis to Stage Strike To Gain Safety Law, Operators Predict

By James Y. Newton

Soft coal operators today predicted John L. Lewis' United Mine Workers will stage a strike in order to put pressure on Congress for a new Federal mine safety law.

The prediction was made after Mr. Lewis hinted the miners will take some action, if the legislation they desire is not enacted.

It happened late yesterday during a hearing of a House Labor subcommittee on a bill to authorize the Federal Bureau of Mines to enforce mine safety regulations. Enforcement powers are now vested solely in the various coal mining States which, the UMW says, have fallen down on the job.

"If Congress doesn't give us this (the new safety law)," Mr. Lewis said at one point in his testimony, "I don't know what we'll do."

To "Think of Something." Then, he added after a lengthy pause:

"But I wager we'll think of something."

One mine operator, said he believed that very few mines would be operating when the safety bill reached the floor of the House.

Once before, in the spring of 1947, after a mine disaster at Centralia, Ill., Mr. Lewis ordered his men to quit work in all but two mines in the country. The two, he said, were the only ones found free of violations of the Federal mine safety code.

Testifies Three Hours. Mr. Lewis testified for three hours in presenting to the House committee his case for Federal enforcement of mine safety rules, which many of the operators strenuously oppose.

He painted a grim picture of conditions in the mines. He alternately blasted the mine operators for "neglect" of the lives of the miners and lectured committee members on the economics of the coal industry.

"If I had your forensic ability and persuasive powers," Representative Mortimer B. Caplan, of Kentucky, told Mr. Lewis, "I would have no fear of the outcome of any future (election) contests I may be engaged in."

Kefauver Asks to Retire From Race in Minnesota

By the Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 22.—A telegram asking that his name not appear on the Minnesota presidential primary election ballot was received yesterday by the Secretary of State from Senator Kefauver, Democrat, of Tennessee.

The telegram was turned over to the Minnesota Attorney General to determine if it is sufficient to take Senator Kefauver out of the March 18 primary. A ruling is expected today.

Under Minnesota primary election law, to withdraw from the primary a person must sign an affidavit declaring he is not a candidate for the presidency and that he would not accept the nomination if it were offered him.

The Senator has said he does not want to oppose Senator Humphrey, Democrat, of Minnesota for the State delegation to the national Democratic convention. Senator Humphrey is running as a favorite son.

MacArthur, Billy Graham Hold Parley in New York

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Billy Graham had a scheduled 30-minute conference with Gen. MacArthur in New York yesterday but it stretched into an hour, the touring evangelist's headquarters reported.

Mr. Graham quoted the general as saying when their session ended:

"Billy, keep giving it to them."

The youthful evangelist called Gen. MacArthur "one of the greatest Americans of all time."

"I was tremendously impressed," Mr. Graham said. "He is a man of deep religious conviction. He is greatly concerned about the moral and spiritual conditions in our country today."

Canadian Asks To Stay on Korea Father-Son Team

By the Associated Press

SOMEWHERE IN KOREA, Feb. 22.—A veteran Canadian soldier has volunteered to stay in Korea for six more months so he and his son can go home together on rotation.

"I don't know what the wife will think," the father said, "but I believe she will understand."

"The lad and I have been seeing each other for months now and we'd like to finish it out together."

The father, Pvt. John J. Wheeler, 46, and son, Pvt. John, Jr., 22, both are serving with the 1st Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. They are from West Selkirk, Manitoba.

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SCENE OF KOREAN RIOT—This is United Nations prison stockade on Koje Island off the coast of South Korea, the scene on Monday of a Communist-led riot in which one American soldier and 69 Korean civilian internees were killed, according to United States authorities. No prisoners of war were involved in the riot, according to authorities, who said about 1,500 civilian internees attacked United States troops with handmade weapons. About 170,000 persons, prisoners of war and internees, are confined to this prison camp.

Japan Cracks Down To Bar New Flareup Of Anti-U. S. Riots

By the Associated Press

TOKYO, Feb. 22.—The Japanese government today planned a special police force to prevent uprisings such as yesterday's Communist-led anti-American riots, in which scores of police were stoned.

"Such riots cannot be tolerated," said Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, "especially in view of the fact that the peace treaty is to go into effect soon."

Japanese police with drawn revolvers today raided four factories in the Kamata and Omori districts of Tokyo. They arrested eight men and seized stacks of Communist leaflets.

Attorney General Tokutomi Kimura said Parliament will be asked to create a "capital police force" to cope with any future riots.

Scores of Police Hurt. Mr. Kimura talked with newsmen after an emergency cabinet session.

Demonstrations by thousands of Communists and Red sympathizers against asserted "colonization" of Japan by the United States erupted into violence last night.

In the Tokyo area scores of police were injured in clashes with mobs armed with tear gas, rocks and sticks.

Rural police headquarters said some 3,000 persons were involved in 21 major demonstrations outside the Tokyo area, and 38 were arrested.

Mr. Kimura said the new police force is needed to defend Tokyo in an emergency.

The newspaper Yomiuri said the cabinet decided the present police organization is not strong enough to quell the increasing Red menace. The force is patterned on American lines.

Wants Mobilization Power. Mr. Yoshida also wants authority to mobilize city and rural police, fire brigades and coast guard patrols in periods of emergency, the newspaper said.

There was no mention of the tough, well-trained national police reserve of about 75,000 men scattered over the country.

Prior to the war all Japanese police were controlled by the Federal Home Ministry. Occupation authorities called this setup a police state. So the force was reorganized into two units—city police and rural police. Both are independent of the national government.

There has been strong criticism of this system in recent months. The Japanese say it does not provide sufficient co-ordination in the event of widespread riots.

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